Greetings from the Chair & President’s Report

As we write, we are mindful of hurricane Sandy and the recent tragedies affecting friends and loved ones. In this difficult time we are reminded of how important family and friends are, and we hope you are all safe and that life is returning to as close to normal as possible. We hope this newsletter will bring you good cheer as we update you on ERI’s many accomplishments as well as introduce you to the people who make everything possible.

As you will see, ERI had a very busy year. In addition to organizing and co-hosting the 3rd International Conference on CultureWear and the Virtual Diaspora Museum at Parsons The New School for Design in Manhattan, we also successfully held ERI’s first major fundraiser, the Fashion Diaspora Gala and Fashion Show at the Yale Club, New York—all on the same weekend! These two events represented a remarkable achievement, bringing together scholars, designers, lovers of design and fashion, and ERI supporters to share and celebrate Korean and other cultures such as Senegalese, Chinese, Armenian, Colombian, and Ethiopian, that make up the diverse immigrant communities in the U.S. We are extremely proud to have received generous financial and intellectual support from our domestic and international collaborators including the Japanese National Museum of Ethnology, the Smithsonian Institution, Parsons, and Sungshin Women’s University. We are especially pleased to have received generous financial and logistical support from the Korean Consul General of New York and the Korean Cultural Service for the Gala, as well as in-kind contributions from many individuals and companies. The Korean American Community Foundation provided critical support for the CultureWear conference.

We also recently held the 8th Annual Teach Korea Conference on June 28-29 at the Yale Divinity School. Entitled “Korean Culture Curriculum Development for the Digital Age”, and supported by a generous grant from the Korea Foundation, teachers, faculty, and Korean American community members explored methods to use digital media to reach larger audiences with ERI’s educational materials, and based on these discussions we will be working with The Mighty Engine, board member Dr. Heseung Kim’s strategy and advertising firm based in Philadelphia, in the coming year to design new curriculum materials and to build a new website.

ERI’s ties to Changwon City, Korea, continue to strengthen. In addition to hosting Changwon City high school students each summer who visit the U.S. as part of a global leadership development program, we have also worked with Changwon City, South Gyongsang Province, and Changwon National University officials to organize the 2nd Cross-Cultural Aging and Senior Living Conference on November 28-29, 2012, in Changwon, Korea. ERI’s delegation will include ourselves as well as Ms. Youngae Kim, who will accompany additional participants including faculty from Yale School of Nursing and Yale Medical School, the CEO of the Whitney Center, a model retirement community in Hamden, CT, as well as the leader of the International Association for Aging and Homes.

We are truly amazed by the dedication of ERI’s devoted staff, volunteers, and collaborators, both locally and internationally. Due to everyone’s hard work, ERI continues to remain a vital force through its innovative programs that address issues of identity and culture affecting the Korean and Korean Diaspora communities. If you like what we are doing, we encourage you to join the growing ranks of supporters who provide ERI with the financial support that makes everything we do possible. Please have a peaceful and safe holiday season!

Hesung Chun Koh and Christopher Park, October 2012
The Third International Conference on CultureWear was held on November 11, 2011. Its program included an academic program called "Exploring the Forces Shaping Contemporary Cross-Cultural Practices," which was held during the day at Parsons the New School for Design, and a gala called "Fashion Diaspora: Wearing your Culture on Your Sleeve," which was held in the evening at Yale Club of New York City. Professor Hirochika Nakamaki of National Museum of Ethnology was the keynote speaker for the academic conference and the key organizer of the Japanese conference. Dr. Hwa Jin Shim, President of Sungshin Women’s University, was the chair of Seoul CultureWear Conference. Dr. Christopher Park, President of ERI was the key planner for both conferences. Jeanine Jaehee Kim brought New York designers and art community, and Dr. Diana Baird N'Diaye, Senior Curator and Cultural Heritage Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution’s Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage in Washington D.C., brought the Senegalese fashion show to Fashion Diaspora gala. Sungshin Women’s University contributed the authentic traditional Korean fashion show and the accompanying scholarly explanation on Korean culture and art was provided by Dr. Koh. This third conference was co-sponsored by Parsons the New School for Design and Korean American Community Foundation. Susana Yi Choo planned the festivities and the elegant reception and silent auction. Dr. Muyoung Lee actively participated at all three CultureWear conferences.

This movement was initiated by East Rock Institute as the brain child of Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, Chair of ERI, in the spring of 2008. It completed its mission at the world fashion capital after conferences in Seoul at Sungshin Women's University and Japanese National Museum in Osaka, Japan. The Third International Conference on CultureWear was a fitting celebration involving almost four years of hard work by many volunteers and generous supporters. For further references, see several internet links of Fashion Diaspora generated by various New York fashion and Asian American media.
In attendance:

**Whitney Center**
- Michael Rambarose, MBA, CEO/President
- David Pearson, MD, Chair of the Board, (Formerly Associate Dean for Public Health and Professor at Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Yale University School of Medicine)
- Ronald Rosett, MD, Head of Health Committee; Secretary to WC Board of Directors and Medical Director; Physicians Assistant Program at Quinnipiac University School of Business

**East Rock Institute**
- Hesung Chun Koh, Ph.D, Chair, President emeritus of ERI; Director emerita, Research and Development, HRAF, Yale University; Whitney Center resident
- Christopher Y. Park, MD and Ph.D, President of ERI; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Attending Physician, Dept. of Pathology and clinical Labs, as well as Assistant Member in the Human Oncology and Pathogenesis Program
- Robert G. LaCamera, MD, Vice Chair of ERI Board, and Yale School of Medicine (Pediatrics), Two generation Whitney Center resident
- Charles C.S. Kim, MD, Vice Chair of ERI, Thoracic surgeon
- Daniel Eunsup Shim, Ph.D, CPA, ERI Board member; Professor of Accounting, Sacred Heart University, CT (Formerly Dean of Ulsan Science and Technical University)
- Ms. Young Aei Kim, Yale/ ERI Korean Studies Librarian, Cooperative liaison officer between ERI and Korea (Formerly Head of International Office at Seoul National University Library)

**Yale University**
- Dean Margaret Grey, DrPH, RN, FAAN, the Dean and Annie W. Goodrich Professor at the Yale School of Nursing, Dean of Yale School of Nursing
- Paul Cleary, Ph.D, MPH, Dean, Yale School of Public Health (Formerly Professor of Health Care Policy of Harvard Medical School and Chair of Dept. of Epidemiology and Public Health, Harvard)
- Becca Levy, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Epidemiology (Chronic Diseases) of Psychology; incoming Director, Social and Behavioral Science Division, Yale School of Public Health
- Margaret Ann Drickamer, MD, Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics) and Associate Professor of Nursing, Yale University School of Medicine; Medical Director, Whitney Center

**Changwon National University**
- President Chan Kyu Lee, Ph.D.
- Kee Sam Shin, Ph.D, Director of International Affairs, Professor of Material Science
- Jung Ki Kim, Ph.D, Professor of Public Policy, Director of Research

**South Kyongsang Province Government**
- Seok Ho Cha, Director of Aging Policy
- Tae Kyung Kim, Director of Aging Facilities

The meeting held on May 10, 2012 was the continuation of the September 2009 MOU signed by ERI, Whitney Center, Yale University and Sungshin Women’s University for the Cross Cultural Aging Project. The collaboration now includes the participation of the Changwon Team. Over 10,000 students attend Changwon National University (CWNU) which is located near the South Gyoungsang provincial capital, Changwon City. It is a major industrial town of Korea with a population of over one million.

It was agreed that CWNU will plan the next international conference with financial assistance from Changwon City and its provincial government. Benchmarking Whitney Center, the plan is to develop a retirement community for educated middle class citizens in the 100 acres of campus which is accessible by the major Korean transportation line, KTC. Modifications will be made to fit the needs of Korean culture. Through this opportunity, the participating institutions can engage in collaborative research and staff and faculty can exchange advising.

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Save the Date!

The Second International Conference on Cross-Cultural Aging and Senior Living will be held on November 28-29, 2012 in Chang Won, Korea. For more details, refer to the invitation on page 10 and 11 of this newsletter.
**8th Annual Teacher’s Conference on Korean Culture (TKC)**

The 8th annual Teach Korea Conference was held on June 28-29 at the Yale Divinity School. Entitled “Korean Culture Curriculum Development for the Digital Age,” the goal of the Conference/Workshop was to explore the best way to use digital technology to expand the number of people ERI reaches with its educational materials. It was hosted with a partial grant from the Korea Foundation.

Prof. Donald Clark, a Korean historian and honorary ERI Board member, served as the keynote speaker and as an educational/pedagogical consultant. We are particularly indebted to Dr. Heseung Kim and her team from Mighty Engine for developing the workshop panels and discussion groups.

**Soul of Korea: A Concert of Korean Traditional Music**

January 8, 2012

“Soul of Korea,” a concert of Korean Traditional Music, was held on Jan. 8, 2012 at the Whitney Center. The event was co-sponsored by East Rock Institute, Whitney Center, and the Korean-American Society of CT.

The wonderful program included:
1. Ch’onnyob Manse (Long Live the King for a Thousand Years)
2. Cheongsonggok
3. Samdo Seoljanggo (Three South Korean Regions’ rhythms)
4. Kayageum Sanjo
5. Sinawi

The program was performed by Gmain H. Kang, Seung-min Cha, Eunsun Jung, Woonjung Sim, and Jin Hi Kim.

Co-sponsored by East Rock Institute, Whitney Center and Korean-American Society of CT

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**Film Feature of 8th TKC**

The events of the 8th TKC has been made into a short documentary and it is available online at http://player.vimeo.com/video/47133768. (Password: eri3) HyeJin Kang, currently studying for her MFA at the University of Indiana, took the initiative to create this short film which features interviews with the guest speakers and the attendees. Thank you for your hard work!
Changwon City Students Visit ERI
Changwon City Continues its Cross-Cultural Education Program

Excerpt from student essay written by Bodap Kim:
What Dr. Hesung Chun Koh taught us on that day prompted me to [look inwardly]. I didn’t realize until now, that what I’d dreamed of doing and becoming had simply been based on what I liked to do and how much happiness it would bring me. I had never considered how much I could affect the people around me and our society. [...]

With the things I’d learned from this trip I came back home with a new, fresh mind for everything in my life. For the future, I had a newfound sureness that as long as I pressed onwards, I would find something I really wanted to do. For the present, I found comfort in the fact that I really could just find my own way and not try to become someone else. And finally, through this trip through America, I was taught the importance of not only looking to your future and who you are now, but of looking back at your past and never forgetting the importance of it, because it’s what has led us to be here, in this moment, alive and well. Looking forward to our future.

Excerpt from student essay written by Ha Nul Son, a sophomore at Gyeongnam Masan Jeil HS:
In fact, this gathering [with Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, the Chair and President Emeritus of ERI and Dr. Christopher Park, President of ERI] was the most meaningful and touching lecture for me. Dr. Park posed to us fundamental questions about the definition of ethnic identity as Korean. Dr. Hesung Chun, who is, at the same time, the mother of Harold and Howard Koh, explained the significance of grass-roots movement based on ideas by connecting Eastern and Western philosophy. She also highlighted the importance of living together and maintaining wide social relationships. ... Of course, the leader is the one who clearly knows who he is, at times lowering himself before inevitable circumstances, while fearlessly facing the challenges. I deeply reflected upon myself, shaping my own image of a virtuous leader—the blueprint of what I should ultimately be in the future.

Annual Meeting of the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) in Toronto

Ms. Youngaie Kim, ERI’s Archive and Library Project Manager, participated in the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL), at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. It was held on March 15 through March 18, 2012. In conjunction with the Association of Asia Studies, she participated in the Committee on Public Services (CPS) and Committee on Technical Processing (CTP), Committee on Korean Materials Program (CKM) and the first Korean Rare Book Workshop at the John P. Roberts Research Library, University of Toronto.

The topics covered at the conference informed her profession, as well as her recent projects with the National Library of Korea. She found the conversation generated at the conference very fruitful and hoped to apply what she learned towards the challenges of Korean studies at Yale and ongoing and future projects at ERI.

She also has plans to attend “2012 Overseas Koreanology Librarian Workshop” on Oct. 8-16, 2012, and “The Third Kyujanggak Workshop for Korean Studies Librarians from Overseas” on Oct 16-18, 2012. Both are held at the National Library of Korea.
Cradle of Korean Studies in the U.S., East Rock Institute on 251 Dwight Street, New Haven, seems at a glance just another local branch library. Stacks of dusty books, notes, boxes, and files——nothing appears extraordinary. Registering all of those would require robust patience for a time of drudgery. So I had deemed until I left Boston on April 16. I devoted a week to listing books, opening their covers to get more information on autographs, brief description of author’s education and publications, introduction, acknowledgment, blurbs, and a few intriguing sections. Then emerged the reservoir of ERI enterprises, an unusual collection, that had been tirelessly accumulated for decades with clear sense of purpose. From cover to cover, what I found there was a web of personal contacts. In that place vibrated pulses from the heart of East Rock Institute founders, Dr. Kwang-Lim Koh and Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, showing forth their pioneering venture, values, and vision.

First, the collection represents pioneering scholarship concerning East Asian law and culture (China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam) in a way conducive to comparative studies across time and regions. In other words, the collection constitutes a footnote to scholarly journey of Drs. Koh. Whether by personal relations or by discerning eyes, carefully select books were put together, authored by Yi Kwang-gyu, Pak Maria, Yi Hyo-chae, Chung Ok-chae, Shin Yong-ha, Chung Kwang-hyon, Laurel, Kendall Michael Peterson, John K. Fairbank, Edwin O. Reischauer, and Edward G. Wagner, whose authoritative scholarship have also impacted on my research. They partnered with the ERI founders in its formative period and have over the time become reference points on Asian studies and Korean diaspora. Under the broad topics of law and culture, their books join those of history, religion, philosophy,economics, family, arts, literature, biographies, food and clothing and women’s studies, reflecting Dr. Koh’s belief: study of culture requires more than sociological or anthropological inquiries. To bring about about cultural understanding between the East and the West; interdisciplinary and comparative study is not a fashionable suggestion, but is indispensable. For example for an authentic understanding of Korean culture we need to know their legal norms as well as their expressive symbols such as music, dance, literature and arts. Thus the book collection brings into one place the legacy of pioneer ventures into Korean studies at the ERI roundtable, where scholars from the East and the West gathered their heads for decades to create an interdisciplinary scholarship.

Closer look inside the collection reveals the ERI founders’ interest in marginal sectors of the world. Sources on people of Vietnam, Okinawa, Taiwan, Cheju Island and Outer Mongolia are on the shelf, not under a blanket term such as “Asian culture” but paying sensitive attention to its subalterns. From the major topics of jurisprudence, legal history, Criminal cases in Korea, and the mainstream Yangban in Chosun Dynasty, the collection extends to books addressing less studied areas in diaspora, women, Chungin (middle people), pobusang, peddlers, and Ch’ǒmin (humble people, slaves) in Korea. The kind of select books demonstrates Dr. Hesung Chun Koh’s belief that only with the systemic comparison of cultural characteristics in distinct classes, genders, tribes, nations, geographical regions, and periods, can scholars do justice to understanding properly manifold culture. In accordance with Dr. Kwang-Lim Koh’s scholarly conviction so called “international law” is not global and it is only Western law. Without incorporating non-Western legal norms how can that be relevant to rapidly globalizing world? Not surprisingly, law books of the West are arranged next to those of China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam. The collection reflects Dr. Hesung Chun Koh’s experience as a cultural anthropologist and sociologist at a surface level, yet it reflects a more fundamental aspect of her belief that scholarship should serve not itself, but the needs of people. Scholarship for the margins in society not only pioneers academia, but also invites reform, forces of social change advancing, perhaps not immediately, but eventually, toward the center of society that resists changes vested with prerogatives in the status quo. Scholarly investment on the margins frequently suffers dismissal by academia, while in truth it prepares for the future that will soon be the present.

Those pioneers working at the scholarly margins apart from immediate human recognition share the fate of Mary Scranton. In her 50s, she ventured into the strange land of Korea in 1885 as the first woman missionary in the history of Korea. Widowed Mary Scranton spearheaded education of women first in the history of Korea, founding Ewha haktang, now the world largest Women’s University in the world, Ewha Womans University. When her Korean contemporaries would sit in the warm corner of a house, demanding service from their daughter-in-laws, Mary Scranton traveled thousands of miles along the rough streets of Korea bringing the gospel message to girls and women just as male Methodist circuit-riders used to do in the wild west of America. Equally courageous, Maryknoll sisters in their 70s and 80s in New York proudly recount how they built schools, hospitals, and churches in the unknown hamlets of the world. Now I see their Korean counterpart, Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, who tirelessly drove the engine of East Rock Institute in her 60s and 70s, solidifying the foundation for Korean studies.

Opening the Covers:
One Week in the Koh Library at ERI

by YeonSeung Lee
Boston University and ERI Collaborative Meetings
March 26 - 27, 2012

At the invitation of Professor Dana Robert, Director of World Mission at Boston University Theological School, who earlier this year visited ERI, Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, ERI Chair, and Young-ae Kim, Manager of National Library of Korea & ERI Digitization Project, met with Asian Studies Faculty of Boston University. Representatives of ERI and BU engaged in a friendly discussion on how ERI can contribute to the development of Korean Studies at BU. The meeting was held at the Asian Studies Institute Library where the Kwang Che Chang Collection on Asian Archaeology Collection is housed.

On March 27th, ERI representatives also met with Dean Mary Miller of the School of Theology and its advisory board, also joined by graduate students from Korea. A Korea Foundation grant had made it possible for BU to appoint a fulltime Korean literature professor this fall. In light of the news, the collaboration between ERI and BU generated much excitement. The potential joint project would not only allow the physical collections of the Koh and East Rock Institute Library available for wider use, but also enable distribution of digital research resources for the active promotion of Korean cultural understanding.

Yeon-seung Lee received BA in English education from Seoul National University and Th.D. in the history of Christianity from Boston University School of Theology. She is a pastor’s wife at the Korean immigrant church in Boston and proud mother of two daughters.
5th Connecticut Korean-American Seniors Meeting
August 18, 2012

A small but steady group of Korean-American Seniors met for the 5th Connecticut Korean-American Seniors Meeting on Aug. 18, 2012 to continue their discussion on meaningful aging which began almost two years ago at East Hartford.

The last two meetings were held on February and April of 2011. The luncheons were held at Whitney Center in Hamden, CT where Dr. Hesung Koh resides. The newly renovated dining room provided a pleasant and conducive environment for a lively conversation over warm dishes. The meeting lasted more than 3 hours. They cherished comradly feelings of this gathering and promised to meet again soon at another member’s home in a northern region of Connecticut in the near future.

Those who drove more than an hour to join this discussion group were Dr. Doug Choi, Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Mr. Yongchol Park, and Mr. Joo Bok Lee. Mrs. Youngaie Kim and Dr. Hesung Chun Koh of East Rock Institute were very flattered that they were willing to travel such distance to come to Whinteny Center, the home of Dr. Koh.

It is certainly an exciting time for the ERI & Koh Collection joint library! In the midst of a collaborative digitization project and an aggressive inventory initiative, the significance and wealth of resources that our library houses has become ever more pronounced that we felt it was necessary to celebrate the collection with a bookplate. The tradition of applying bookplates entails marking a volume with a decorative label to indicate its provenance. The latin letters “Ex Libris” means “from the library/books of...” and these inscriptions allow future readers to glean a book’s legacy. (To those unfamiliar, I strongly urge you to browse the long and colorful history of bookplates!)

The ERI & Koh Collection Bookplate features the portraits of the late Dr. Kwang Lim Koh and Dr. Hesung Chun Koh. This original sketch was drawn by Edward T. Koh, M.D., Ph.D, in his sophomore year of college as a Christmas gift to his parents. A bolded calligraphic logo for East Rock Institute is placed at the foot as if it were an anchor. The logo of the Chinese character was originally a gift from Professor Carolyn Koh Choo, daughter of the founder and past ERI board member.

The joint collection has a history that spans over sixty years, and has serviced many leaders, learners, and teachers who have passed through East Rock Institute since its beginnings as the Korea Institute founded in 1952. The collection exemplifies the cross-cultural and inter-disciplinary approach to Korean-American and Korean cultural studies. From rare law books to hard-to-come-by recipe manuals, from personally gifted volumes inscribed with grateful memos of the authors themselves to first edition copies, the collection is as unique and thoughtful as the scholars who nurtured it so that it may provide a full narrative and a rigor to the tradition of Korean American and Korean Cultural Studies that it helped found. We hope that the bookplates provide a window into the history that unites the thousands of books in the collection and continue to share that legacy with future readers!
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ERI Archive Digitization Project
Korea National Library and ERI Collaboration

The Memorandum of Understanding between National Library of Korea (NLK) and East Rock Institute (ERI), established on June 25, 2010, encompasses the three-year effort of co-utilization and public use of ERI Materials. In this Memorandum, the NLK and ERI commit to working together on promoting the creation, adoption, use, dissemination and preservation of electronic resources, digitized from the traditional paper-based educational documents and publications of ERI. This initiative will develop intellectual outputs by making digitization more visible and easily accessible on a local and global scale.

According to the Memorandum, the second year of the project launched according to the details noted in the Agreement of May 15, 2012 and will be in effect until Dec. 30, 2012. The initiatives for the second year of the NLK-ERI project include digitizing sections of ERI Materials Collections and Dr. Koh’s family photo archives, providing access to the ERI Materials, providing the ERI Materials as research data, and facilitating the exchange of information and advice on Korean culture and Korean society for foreign institutions and for foreign users. This installment of the digitization and preservation project covers 8,000 pages of material.

For the third year of project, KNL and ERI will work together to promote the remaining portions of ERI’s paper-based educational archives to digitized forms for global visibility and accessibility. Through the ERI Digitization Archives, the NLK is planning to develop a fundamental data base related to the Korean Diaspora and Korean Studies throughout the world.

2012 Summer Internship at ERI

Bottom, left to right: Eunju Namkung, Jihee Park, YeonSu Kuk, HyeJin Kang and Jenny Kang are not pictured.

East Rock Institute continues to provide summer internship programs for students interested in the efforts of cultural exchange. This year, there were three students who traveled from Korea: Jihee Park and Yeonsu Kuk of Ewha University and Hyejin Kang of Indiana University. The partnership with Ewha University would not be possible without Professor Ae-Kyung Choi’s seven years of dedicated support for ERI as the director of Ewha/ERI summer interns. Continuing their work on the inventory project, Eunju Namkung and Jenny Kang of Yale University, returned as summer interns. The team of interns worked on the archival and inventory projects that are currently underway at ERI, as well as helped organized the summer’s busy program, including the 8th TKC and the Changwon HS Conference.

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The 2nd International Conference on Cross-Cultural Aging & Senior Living
at Changwon National University, Chang Won Korea
November 28-29, 2012

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
The 2nd International conference on Cross-Cultural Aging Initiatives will be held at the Changwon National University, Chang Won, Korea on November 28-29, 2012.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES
• To discuss holistic approach to aging, preventive vs. curative, and Asian approaches to health
• To introduce an exceptional US living community to Korea
• To explore differing values and notion of health
• To discuss nutrition, wellness dimension, cultural diversity
• To find opportunity to collaborate aging research among Changwon National University, Yale University, Whitney Center, East Rock Institute and beyond

SPEAKERS FROM THE UNITED STATES

Dr. Donald Bruce Dickson, Professor of Anthropology, Texas A&M
Dr. Margaret Ann Drickamer, Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics) & Associate Professor of Nursing, Yale University
Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, Chair, East Rock Institute, & Director Emerita, East Asian Research HRAF, Yale University; Author of Meaningful Aging, 2010
Dr. Christopher Y. Park, MD, President, East Rock Institute & Attending Pathologist, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, USA
Mr. Michael Rambarose, President/CEO, Whitney Center, USA
Ms. Katie Sloan, Executive Director, International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing

(Pictured Clockwise from Top-Left)
Third International Conference on CultureWear (contd. from pg 2)

Senegalese Fashion Show, Yale Club of NY

New York Diaspora Designer’s Fashion Show, Yale Club of NY

Left-to-right: Grace Ryu-Volkhausen, Dr. Hesung Koh, Ambassador Yong-Mok Kim, and Kyung Yoon at Fashion Diaspora.

Special thanks to our speakers and organizers!
Left-to-right: Jeannine Jaehee Kim; Professor Hirochika Nakamaki of National Museum of Ethnology; Dr. Dianna Baird N’Diaye; President Hwa Jin Shim of Sungshin Women’s University

IMPORTANT DATES
Conference Reception & Dinner: November 27, 6 pm
Conference Dates: November 28-29
Optional Tour to Tripitaka Koreana (World First Movable Wood Printing Blocks, UNESCO World Heritage, Korean National Treasure No.32), Haeinsa Temple: November 30
Optional Tour of Seoul: December 1, 9-1 pm
Seoul Seminar in conjunction with Seoul National University: December 1, 2012

Inquiries about REGISTRATION, HOTEL AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS can be referred to Prof. Jung-Ki Kim of Changwon or Ms. Young-aie Kim at East Rock Institute (youngaie.kim@yale.edu).

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Conference Organizers: Changwon National University, East Rock Institute
Conference Participants: Whitney Center, Yale University, Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing
Advisors: Dr. Hesung Chun Koh and Dr. Wan Kyu Cho
ERI Welcomes Miru James Lee!

Avione Lee, Ph.D. joined ERI as a volunteer for the TKC conference in the beginning of 2012. She moved to New Haven in August of 2011 to join her husband, Yong-Ung Lee who is a postdoctoral researcher at Yale University. Avione received her Master’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University and her Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Texas and the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, TX. Avione and Yong-Ung welcomed their first child, Miru James Lee on May 29th.

Congratulations to the Family of Dr. Bobby Shin

ERI/Yale Alumni

ERI would like to congratulate an ERI alumni, Dr. Bobby Shin, M.D., for his teaching position at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology and in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. He now teaches at medical school.

Dr. Shin has a special interest in visual problems associated with multiple sclerosis, including optic neuritis and double vision. Dr. Shin is involved in many clinical trials for disease modifying therapies in multiple sclerosis. He lectures frequently locally and nationally on multiple sclerosis and neuro-ophthalmologic topics, and has received multiple awards and commendations for his teaching and clinical excellence.

Congratulations and Thank you!
Mindy Gee & Christopher Lee
Recent Yale Graduate and ERI Alumni

Mindy Gee (Yale ‘12) and Christopher Lee (Yale ‘12) have been dedicated ERI volunteers while attending Yale University. As of May, they are distinguished members of the Yale graduating class of 2012. Congratulations on your achievements and ERI family wishes you the best on your endeavors! We thank you for all your hard work!

The Gee Family and Lee Family celebrate their graduation with Dr. Koh and Dr. Robert G. Lacamera at the Whitney Center in May 2012.

Mindy Gee graduated this May with a degree in English, with a general focus on the post-war literature of the 20th century. Her senior essay, "The Great Escape from the Literary Cage: Gwendolyn Brooks’s Adaptation of the Past and Present," tracked the traces of T.S. Eliot and John Donne in the war poetry of Gwendolyn Brooks. While on break from writing papers, I served as one of the managing editors of the Yale Undergraduate Law Review, sifting through pitches and editing articles for upcoming issues. Mindy has served as the Managing Editor for the ERI Newsletter and has interned in many other roles, contributing her language and administrative skills.

Christopher Lee, recently graduated from Yale College, is a current first year analyst in the Health Care Investment Banking Group at Credit Suisse. As an undergraduate, Chris served as Finance and Strategy Director for the Yale Undergraduate Business Society and won the Yale University Library Applebaum Prize for his senior paper in the Political Science major. He was involved with ERI as Managing Editor for Vol. 17 of the Korean and Korean American Studies Bulletin (KKASB) and Editor of ERI News. As a Korean American from Los Angeles, California, Chris enjoys grilling galbi, practicing Hapkido and going to samulnori concerts. He has previously worked as a Summer Analyst at Goldman Sachs, Page in the House of Representatives and Drill Instructor for the Explorer Program at the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. He hopes to continue his involvement with ERI and develop a deeper, cross-cultural perspective on healthcare policy and finance.
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